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changes reflect the actual records which are used by election officials. There are other types of changes in LB 764. Some may be classified as corrections, such as Section 54. This section would change the candidate filing form. Right now, when a candidate signs a form, he or she states that he or she will abide by the results of the primary election. Section 54 changes that to include "and general election". There are also policy changes proposed by LB 764. Examples are in Section 53 and Section 66. Section 53 would allow candidate filing forms to be faxed to the Secretary of State's office. This fax would be sufficient for proof of meeting the filing deadline if the original form arrives at the Secretary of State's office within seven days. This change is...is proposed in response to would-be candidates whose filing forms were mailed but which were not received at the Secretary of State's office by the filing deadline. Section 66 would allow removal of a name from a...from a petition up until the day the petition is required to be submitted. Currently a name may be removed from the petition before...excuse me. Currently a name may be removed before the petition is submitted for signature verification. This change is in response to the fact that a signer wanting to remove his or her name would have to be aware of when the petition is being submitted in order to request the name to be removed. Signers usually do not know when a petition is submitted. These are just a few of examples of what is in LB 764. As I said earlier and in my letter to you this week, I am quite willing to work with any concerns you have about specific sections of the bill. If during debate today concerns arise which cannot be addressed within the allotted time, I would ask your support to move the bill so that I can address those provisions which you would like to see removed or changed. If we cannot resolve problems you have...if you cannot resolve problems you have with particular sections, I would take them out of the bill on Select File. I know that the state elections...the state's election officials would like to see these changes implemented before the next election cycle, which is why I bring the bill even under these time constraints. With that, I will be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHHEM: Senator Robinson, committee amendments. (AM0874 printed separate, referred to on page 993 of the Legislative Journal.)